

# The Grapevine

THE NEWSLETTER OF HAMPTON LUCY, CHARLECOTE AND LOXLEY PARISHES

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Grapevine team!

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### Successful Ofsted Inspection for Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery



Ofsted Inspectors visited Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery on 11 and 12 October, 2011. After two very busy days, the school was judged to be a 'good school with outstanding features'. A huge amount of work was undertaken to achieve this accolade, and the whole school community can be very proud of the outcome. Head Teacher Margaret Lunnon said: "We are delighted with our recent Osted report, as it is a true reflection of the school. It recognises the importance of caring and supporting children, alongside high standards of attainment and behaviour." Let's enjoy the moment before taking on the task of taking the school up to even greater achievements. The picture shows Ben and Penny, Head Boy and Head Girl, proudly displaying a copy of the official report.

#### **Charlecote Park**

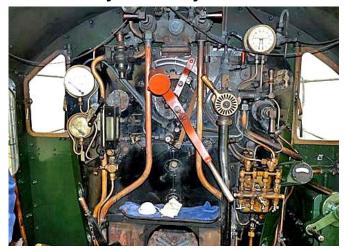
At the end of October, over 130 people put on their boots for a "Boundary walk" in the Park - a chance to talk to members of the staff, and to explore parts of the Park not normally open. The deer must have wondered what was happening! Winter is definitely here, the house has been "put to bed", and the conservation team has finished the detailed inspection and cleaning of over 3,000 books in the library. The Park, gardens and outbuildings will remain open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, except 23, 24 and 25 December, with the restaurant opening from 11.00am to 4.00pm for hot drinks and snacks, and 12.00 noon to 2.30pm for hot meals. The ground floor will remain open from 12 noon until 4.00pm, weekends only, until 18 December, with Christmas decorations for you to enjoy. The shop will also be open. To make arrangements to visit Father Christmas, who has promised to be there - weather permitting - please contact the office in good time on 01789 470277. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/charlecotepark

#### **Hampton Lucy Parish Council**

At the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 9 November, the principal business included further discussions on the proposals for a cardiac defibrillator and local bus services. There was a report on the Diamond Jubilee arrangements and the Parish Council approved a grant of £500 towards the event. Planning applications were reviewed, and the Clerk reported on the current finances of the Council. A full copy of the minutes is available from the Parish Clerk, Mike Woodman, Tel:841205. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 January, in the village hall.

The next issue of *The Grapevine* for February, 2012, will be delivered during the last week of January.

### **Every Schoolboy's Dream!**

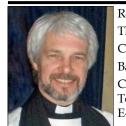


On Wednesday, 2 November, eight of the 'Lucy Lads' from Hampton Lucy, with nearly 600 years between them, got to clamber up into the cab of the Kenlet Hall, a 'Hall Class' steam locomotive based at Tyseley Locomotive Works in Birmingham. Chris Schroeder, who owns shares in the locomotive, kindly showed us round the engine, along with many other artefacts in the yard, including boilers, bogies and wheels. A convivial pub lunch was enjoyed by all on the way back. (Ed: All 'Lads' are welcome to join us on the first Thursday of the month. Details are shown on The Diary Page.) AS

### Charlecote Village Hall

The renovation of the porch area of Charlecote Village Hall is now finished, providing a much more welcoming and stylish entrance to the Hall and completing the major restoration started three years ago. The next project will be the roof, when funds allow.

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Dear Friends,

Every year, in one of our six parishes, (you know who you are), shortly after Christmas, some people organise an auction of unwanted Christmas presents. I suspect that not all of the items on sale were actually gifts from the Christmas just gone, but the principle remains that they are things which people have and do not want. People then buy a ticket, come along to have a browse and then bid for what they want. Half-way through the evening a simple supper is served, and a bar ensures that, as the evening wears, on the bids become sillier, or more generous, or both! The money raised always goes to charity and two villages in Africa now have wells as a result of one year's efforts.

I was reminded of this as I was reflecting on Christmas itself and the reason for celebrating it. There may have been some kind of mid-winter festival even before Christians brought the message of Christ to our shores, and some people may prefer simply to see themselves as celebrating something like that around 25<sup>th</sup> December. However, Christmas itself is a celebration of perhaps the most valuable and yet the most often unwanted Christmas present in history – God's gift of Jesus! Why did God come among us in Jesus? Christians would

say that it was because He loves us and wants us to get to know Him better. As human beings, we can relate to another human being much more easily than to a disembodied God. And, of course, through Jesus, God offers us the hope of eternal life in Him. What a gift!

So why do people often not want it? Maybe, we - the Church, don't always communicate what it means as well as we could. Maybe people think that to be a Christian means never being able to enjoy life. The first is probably true; the second certainly not.

However, the important thing is that, just as those other presents which people didn't want proved to be valuable for the people who bought them and the people who benefited from the money raised, so God's gift of Jesus remains valuable for everyone – even if some choose to reject it – because it says something vital about God's way of responding to us all the time. So even if we don't open or use that gift this year, it will still be there for us all in the future. Why wait?!

Happy Christmas to you all!

David Jessett



### **News from the Parishes**

A complete list of church services, including those at Barford, Wasperton and Sherbourne, is displayed on the notice board in your church.



#### Thank You

Joy Taplin would like to thank her friends in Hampton Lucy and Charlecote for all their kindness and enquiries during her recent illness, and would like to wish them all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

### James Cooper and James Kouzaris

On 16 April, 2011, James Cooper and James Kouzaris were shot and killed in Florida. James Cooper's family live in Hampton Lucy and James' funeral was at St Peter's, where he is buried in the churchyard. Since the boys' deaths the parents have started a charity in their memory. This will work towards changing the lives of young people at risk of getting involved in violent behaviour. It will do this by education, by providing more positive experiences, and helping them to make the right choices. In addition, it will support the families and victims of violent crime with assistance, advice and financial support. It has already raised over £160,000 and is one of the fastest growing charities ever. All of the money raised will be spent in the UK. It would be much appreciated if anyone from the village could help by donating to the charity, or by organising a small event to raise funds. For more details visit: www.alwaysachance.org.uk Rev'd DLJ

### **Bob Chedham**

Paul, Angela and family would like to thank everyone for their cards and messages of support after the sad death of Bob. We would like to say a special thank you to all those who took part in his funeral. We were overwhelmed by the number of Bob's friends who came to say farewell to him. Thank you to you all.

| From the Registers       |            |                                    |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Blessing of marriage     |            |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| St Peter's, Hampton Lucy | 23 October | Harvey Egginton and Lorraine Dowd. |  |  |  |  |
| Funeral                  |            |                                    |  |  |  |  |
| St Peter's, Hampton Lucy | 20 October | Bob Chedham                        |  |  |  |  |

### **Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI**



At the AGM in November, our President, Jeryl Stone, was thanked for her hard work and INSPIRING WOMEN leadership during a successful year for the local

group. She was duly unanimously re-elected, with Jackie Williams remaining as Secretary, and Kath Clarke taking on the Treasurer's job. The rest of the committee were also reelected. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 7 December, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. It will be a 'Bring and Share' supper, followed by Scrabble, the first round of the WI Olympic Games. The Christmas Meal will be held at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, on Wednesday, 11 January, 2012. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to you all from everyone in the WI.

### **The Wasperton Memorial**

You will have read in the April issue of *The Grapevine* about the service of rededication of the war memorial by the River Avon near to Wasperton. A twenty-four page booklet is now available, with colour photographs taken at the rededication service, and a history of the memorial and the aircrews remembered there. If you are interested in finding out more about this memorial and would like a copy of the booklet, please contact either Ken Cockshull: 01789 842908, or Kath Wright: 01926 624088. We regret that we shall have to make a small charge to cover costs. KC

#### **Keith Unties the Knot**

An old tradition in Loxley village is that the church gates are tied with a trail of ivy when the happy couple try to leave after their wedding service at St Nicholas', as Keith and Jane Wedgbury found after their own ceremony. The groom's first task is to open the gates without using a knife, breaking the ivy with his bare hands. Legend has it that, if he succeeds, they will enjoy a long and happy life together. Keith broke the ivy. This tradition goes back for at least 75 years, but if anyone can give us any more information we, at St Nicholas', would like to hear from them. We wish Keith and Jane health and happiness in their life together. KAO

#### Wellesbourne and District Lions Club



Just a few more weeks to go to Christmas and I hope that your preparations for the big day are well in hand! From Monday, 5 December, through to Friday, 16 December, the Lions will be out and about in the district between 6.00pm

and 8.00pm with Santa and his annual Christmas float. The schedule is as follows. Thursday, 8 December - Hampton Lucy and Charlecote. Friday, 16 December - Loxley. Every day we shall be supported by a different local charity and they will receive a share of the money collected each evening, so please give generously. As a grand finale, on the evening of Monday, 19 December at 6.30pm, the Lions present, 'Carols in the Precinct' at the Wellesbourne shopping precinct. Please do join us for a good old sing-song and make this our best year yet! Refreshments will be available. Finally, on behalf of all of the Lions and their partners, may I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and

### **Loxley WI**



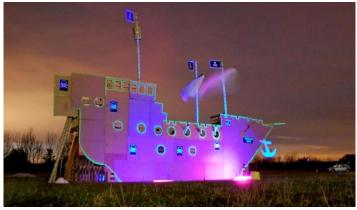
At our meeting on Thursday, 10 November, we enjoyed an inspiring demonstration by our INSPIRING WOMEN President Aileen Pearson, showing how

amateurs could achieve professional-looking Christmas cake decoration. The completed cake was raffled and one very lucky lady took the work of art home, while the rest of us took away many helpful hints from our speaker's wealth of expertise on cake icing. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 8 December, 7.30pm, at Loxley School, when we shall hold our AGM. The meeting will include a preview of the programme for the year ahead. After completion of the formal business of the evening there will be a 'bring and buy' sale, refreshments, and a chance to relax and enjoy each other's company MC

### **Loxley School News**

The children have had a very busy autumn term. KS1 visited the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Railway, and saw lots of steam whilst travelling on a steam-hauled train, part of their topic on transport. They also watched the train being coupled. KS2 recently spent the day at Warwick Castle as part of their topic on castles. A big attraction was a visit to the "The Kingmaker" exhibit, where the children were able to experience medieval life, watching Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, preparing his army for battle. Guy's Tower entailed climbing 450 steps, but the view from the top was amazing, with breathtaking views of the Castle, historic Warwick and the surrounding countryside. It was a very informative and interesting day. There is now the Nativity to look forward to on 13 and 14 December, followed by 'Carols in Church' on Thursday, 15 December in Loxley church. Everyone is welcome. Mo

### Loxley Lights Up The Sky



The Friends of Loxley School staged their annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night on Saturday, 5 November, by kind permission of Mr Gregory-Hood and his family. Everyone enjoyed an outstanding firework display and warming refreshments. The fire was constructed to resemble a pirate ship, to dramatic effect when the flames took hold. Watch this space for next year's masterpiece! "Thank you" to everyone who came along to support us, raising nearly £1300, more than any previous year, towards the ongoing playground refurbishment project. Special thanks must go to all those who contributed to the evening and helped to make it such a successful event. **HCC** 

### 'Community Links' Transport Services

If you require transport and have special needs, or are very isolated but without your own transport, you can use the Community Links service. There is a small charge of £1.30 per trip, (£2.60 return). For details and availability, call 01789 267791, or visit: http://www.stratford.gov.uk/transport/community-links.cfm **AJW** 



### The Notice Board

The Loxley website: www.loxleyvillage.com



### Ladies 'Pamper' Evening

Hampton Lucy ladies invite you to a night of sheer indulgence - shopping, beauty treatments and a drink with friends in the 'Altitude Bar'

Hampton Lucy Village Hall Thursday, 1st December, 7.00pm to 10.00pm

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### Hampton Lucy C of E School and Nursery



**Christmas Fair** 

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 3.15pm to 5.00pm



Santa's grotto, gift stalls, tombolas, refreshments including home made cakes, raffles, kids games and lots more. Everyone welcome!

### Loxley School Christmas Fair

Saturday, 10 December, 2.00pm to 5.00pm

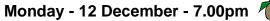
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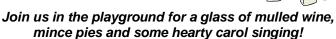
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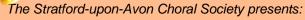
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### Hampton Lucy C of E School and Nursery

### Carols by Candlelight







### **Prelude to Christmas**

A Christmas concert of seasonal songs and readings
Saturday, 17 December, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

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### Hampton Lucy Village Hall Committee

invites all parishioners to join them for mulled wine and nibbles in the Village Hall on Monday,

19 December, from 6.30pm, to thank everyone for their support over the past year.

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#### For your diary: December - 2011 Hampton Lucy Ladies' Pamper Night, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.00pm to 10.00pm. (Notice Board) Thur 1 Thur 1 'The Lucy Lads', meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, 11.30am. All 'Lads at heart' welcome. Thur 1 Three Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house. 7.45pm Fri 2 Hampton Lucy School Christmas Fair, Hampton Lucy School, 3.15pm to 5.00pm. (Notice Board) Hampton Lucy 'Ladies' Coffee and Cakes', meet at The Boar's Head, 10.30am. Newcomers welcome. Tues 6 Tues 6 **Dene Valley U3A**, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, 2.00pm. Janet Perkins speaking on 'Dickens'. Tues 6 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Wed 7 Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9-10am. Wed 7 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI 'Bring and Share Supper', Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm. Thur 8 Santa visits Charlecote and Hampton Lucy, Lions Club Christmas Float,. (see Lions Report, page 3) Thur 8 Loxley WI AGM, and 'Bring and Buy' Loxley School, 7.30pm. (page 3) Loxley School Christmas Fair, Loxley School, 2.00pm to 5.00pm. (Notice Board) Sat 10 Mon 12 Hampton Lucy School, 'Carols by Candlelight', Hampton Lucy school, 7.00pm. (Notice Board) Tues 13 **Keep Fit,** Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. (Last session before the New Year) **Loxley School Nativity,** Tues 13<sup>th</sup> - 9.30am, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> -1.30pm, details from the school. Tues 13/14 Wed 14 Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Thur 15 Loxley School 'Carols in the Church', St Nicholas' Church, Loxley, details from the school. Fri 16 **Pre-Christmas Cleaning,** St Leonard's Church, Charlecote, from 9.00am. 'Jobs to do' list inside the door Fri 16 **Santa visits Loxley,** Lions Club Christmas Float, (see Lions Report, page 3) Sat 17 'Prelude to Christmas', All Saint's Church ,Stratford-upon-Avon, 7.30pm. (Notice Board) Mon 19 Hampton Lucy Christmas Drinks in the Village Hall, from 6.30pm, All welcome. (Notice Board) Charlecote 'Carols by Candlelight' with *The Oken Singers*, St. Leonard's Church, 7.30pm. Tues 20 Wed 21 Tai Chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. January - 2012 Tues 3 Hampton Lucy 'Ladies' Coffee and Cakes', meet at The Boar's Head, 10.30am. Tues 3 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. New participants welcome. Wed 4 Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. New participants welcome Wed 4 Thur 5 'The Lucy Lads', meet at The Boar's Head, Hampton Lucy, 11.30am. Tues 10 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Wed 11 Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Wed 11 Wed 11 Wed 11 Hampton Lucy and Charlecote WI Christmas Dinner, The Boar's Head, 7.00pm. **Hampton Lucy Parish Council meeting, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm.** All residents welcome. Thur 12 Loxley WI, details unavailable, please contact a committee member. Thur 12 Three Parishes Prayer Group, Janet and Duncan Fairfax-Lucy's house. 7.45pm Tues 17 **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm. **Wed 18** Tai chi class, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 9.00am to 10.00am. Sat 21 Tues 24 Wed 25 PCC Open Morning, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 10,30am to 12.00pm. (See the notice below) **Keep Fit**, Hampton Lucy Village Hall, 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

### Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion.

The Parochial Church Council is considering admitting baptised children to Holy Communion before Confirmation. We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday, 21 January, from 10.30am to 12.00pm, in Hampton Lucy Village Hall The Open Morning is an opportunity to come and hear about this, ask any questions, and have a chat over coffee with the PCC and representatives from Hampton Lucy School, with whom we are working closely. So, if you live in the parish or are a school parent or church member living outside the parish and would like to know more, give us a ring or just come along to the Open Day.

For more details contact Rev'd Cathy Davies (01926 624139), Rev'd David Jessett (01926 624238) or Mrs Margaret Lunnon, Head Teacher, Hampton Lucy C of E Primary School and Nursery, (01789 840398) Rev'd CD

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# Church Services

|        |                     | Gilui         | ch Services  |                  |  |
|--------|---------------------|---------------|--|------------------|--|
| 4 Dec  |                     | The Second    | Sunday of Advent   |                  |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Charlecote    | Morning Worship  | CW               |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Loxley        | Holy Communion   | BCP              |  |
|        | 6.00pm              | Hampton Lucy  | Holy Communion   | CW               |  |
| 11 Dec |                     | The Third S   | Sunday of Advent   |                  |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Hampton Lucy  | Family Service   | CW               |  |
|        | 11.00am             | Charlecote    | Holy Communion   | CW               |  |
|        | 6.00pm              | Loxley        | Evensong   | BCP              |  |
|        | 6.00pm              | Hampton Lucy  | Evensong   | BCP              |  |
| 18 Dec |                     | The Fourth S  | Sunday of Advent   |                  |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Charlecote    | Holy Communion   | BCP              |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Hampton Lucy  | Come and Worship   | CW               |  |
|        | 11.00am             | Loxley        | Family Service   | CW               |  |
|        | 6.00pm              | Hampton Lucy  | Traditional 9 Lessons and Carols (with The Festival Singers) |                  |  |
|        | 6.00pm              | Loxley        | Traditional 9 Lessons ar                                     | nd Carols        |  |
| 20 Dec | 7.30pm              | Charlecote    | Carols by Candlelight (with Peter Fairhurst and The          | he Oken Singers) |  |
| 23 Dec | 4.00pm              | Hampton Lucy  | Christingle  | 12 2             |  |
| 24 Dec | Mlidnight Eucharist |               |  |                  |  |
|        | 4.00pm              | Charlecote    | Crib Service by Candlelig                                    | ght T            |  |
|        | 11.30pm             | Loxley        | Holy Communion   |                  |  |
| 25 Dec |                     | Christmas Day |  |                  |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Charlecote    | Holy Communion   | CW               |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Hampton Lucy  | •  | CW               |  |
|        |                     |               |  |                  |  |
| 1 Jan  |                     |               | day of Christmas   |                  |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Charlecote    | Morning Worship  | CW               |  |
|        | 9.30am              | Loxley        | Holy Communion   | BCP              |  |

|        | 9.30am<br>6.00pm              | Loxley<br>Hampton Lucy                                | Holy Communion<br>Evensong                               | BCP<br>CW         |
|--------|-------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| 8 Jan  | 9.30am<br>11.00am             | 1   | e Epiphany Family Service Holy Communion                 | CW                |
|        | 6.00pm<br>6.00pm              | Loxley<br>Hampton Lucy                                | Evensong<br>Evensong                                     | BCP<br>BCP        |
| 15 Jan | The Second Sunday of Epiphany |   |  |                   |
|        | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>11.00am   | Charlecote<br>Hampton Lucy<br>Loxley                  | Holy Communion Come and Worship Family Service           | BCP<br>CW         |
| 22 Jan | 8.00am<br>11.00am<br>6.00pm   | The Third Sun<br>Charlecote<br>Loxley<br>Hampton Lucy | nday of Epiphany<br>Holy Communion<br>Matins<br>Evensong | BCP<br>BCP<br>BCP |
| 29 Jan | r                             | The Presentation o                                    | f Christ in the Temple                                   |                   |

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